

Davenport Iowa Oct 14th/72

My Dear Dr Gray

Yours of 10th inst. I have

On due reflection & in view of the lateness
of the season, and uncertainty of finding a sufficient
stock of Aspid. fragrans, I conclude not best
to go to St Louis this season. Cypripedium speciosum
& C. candidum might be found near here
but this time of year there is no chance to
get at them. I am sorry too about

Primula Parryi. I had perhaps better have
neglected the conifers. but I think you hardly
appreciate the severity of the alpine climate
when winter fairly sets in, and the alpine brooks
get frozen up. I doubt if there is any let up
when the ground once freezes. I was perhaps also
misled by Mr Backhouse remark that the chief
reliance must be on seed, with a few roots
to flower at once & show what the plant is likely
to be. You will be satisfied with the amount
& quality of the seed which if cultivated shall
with effort in time all the plants desired.
I should have been more free with him plants
if I had known that exp. charges had been so moderate.

But the whole thing is now in your hands,
and you will confer freely with Backhouse, and
make such reduction in the compensation allowed
as will be just, & satisfy Mr Backhouse.

Yes I meant that all the seed should go to B,
what he does not want to be put in the
market for his benefit.

I shall now go at once at the
Country set, please give me a sample
of a Ticket. I shall want about 3000.
How many sets shall I send you?

Yours &c

C. L. Parry



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